

## SUMMARY

### Elwha Creation Site

Location:

Former Aldwell Reservoir, outside of Port Angeles on the Elwha River.

Owner:

National Park Service, Olympic National Park

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Significance:

The nominated site is historically significant for its direct link to two important traditional aspects of the Kalallam peoples culture. Seen as one of the tribes most sacred sites, it is referred to as the *Creation Site* where the “Creator or Changer” made the Klallam people. Additionally, the site served as a prophecy hole where the Klallam people could find out what their future would hold.

While numerous oral histories generally described the activities that occurred at the site, specific locational data and its exact appearance was unclear until the site was rediscovered in 2012 after removal of the Elwha dam.